

**METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR EFFICIENT SHARING OF
COMMUNICATION SYSTEM RESOURCES**

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method for accessing a reverse channel for communication from a remote unit to a base station is disclosed. The method includes waiting a random period of time in response to determining that the reverse channel is available at a first time. The method also includes monitoring a forward channel after expiration of the random period of time to determine whether the reverse channel is available at a second time. The method further includes transmitting a first portion of data on the reverse channel in response to determining that the reverse channel is available at the second time.

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